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Environmental Commission Meeting

Thursday, May 4, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

Public Works Building

7700 Southern Avenue

MINUTES

Present

Chairman Joe Skelley

Urania Erskine

Steve Fleischmann

Linda Kaplan

Paul Mosteller

Scott Schoefernacker

Staff

Bo Mills

Kathy Cross

Absent

Jimmy Davis

Andy Foster

Alderman Janda

Joe Nunes

Susan Threlkeld

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CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Skelley called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

A quorum for the Environmental Commission meeting was established.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

No guests were present.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

Bo Mills: Mr. Mills shared what a great turn out we had for Amnesty Dumpster Day. Mr. Mills thanked Commission members for helping make the event a great success.

Director Mills reported (Environmental Commission sworn to secrecy as the press release was to go out Friday, May 5th) that the City had received a Insurance Services Office score of Class 1 from the November 2016 rating. This rating agency serves to supply ISO ratings to all fire departments. Included in the rating are the City's fire department functions, dispatch systems, information technology systems and



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the public works water system, which comprises 40 % of the total score. There are only 3 fire departments in Tennessee with a Class 1 rating and only 241 nationwide. The City's previous rating was Class 3 which is outstanding, but receiving this Class 1 designation places the City in an elite group. This ISO rating should have a favorable impact on residential and commercial insurance rates

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Paul Mosteller: Mr. Mosteller shares that the drought seems to be over; Germantown residents need to maintain their sprinkler systems and be conscious of wasting water.

Steve Fleischmann: Mr. Freischmann shared that his smart meter was installed last Friday.

Linda Kaplan: Mrs. Kaplan shared that she rode the bus to Washington, D.C. to take part in the Peoples' Climate March along with over 250,000 participants. The bus stopped for pick up across the state of Tennessee in Jackson, Nashville, Cookeville, Knoxville and other cities. The trip was one day up to Washington, then returning the next day. The march went down Capital Street, up to Pennsylvania Avenue, down Pennsylvania Avenue, around the White House and concluded on at the south side of the White House.

Urania Erskine: Mrs. Erskine shared an article reporting that Memphis has an increase in their recycling. Memphis gives credit to the use of larger carts. We in turn can give credit and thank our staff for offering the larger carts, which likely played a part in Germantown's recycle volume increase.

IKEA Memphis is offering a solar tour Friday, May 19, 2017, 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM. The tour has a cost of \$10 and includes 4,424 solar panels, enough to power 297 cars or 205 homes a year. The massive array covers 250,676 square feet of the 271,000-square-foot store.

Scott Schoefnacker: Mr. Schoefnacker attended a couple conferences in April that dealt with water resources. A large amount of money all over Tennessee is going toward stream restoration projects. Shelby County received the NDRC (National Disaster Resilience Competition) Grant; they received \$60 million dollars from the Federal Government, and West Tennessee as a whole received \$40 million. The funds will be used to purchase properties and bring streams back to their natural habitat. A large park is being built north of Jackson, TN to allow for education outreach and different types of water fowl migratory. It's interesting to see how things are changing and it's all to improve water quality.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.